

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I am not alone in my concern that this action reflects the dangers of media consolidation. In fact, Sinclair stations are not even accepting calls to discuss their decision from the listening audience, asserting in a pre-recorded message that the content of the documentary is being portrayed inaccurately as anti-Kerry by his supporters. This deflection and lack of transparency regarding its motives demonstrates the power of media consolidation to bystep democracy and does a disservice to the American people.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is not in the public interest, however, when the airwaves are controlled by large companies who are not responsive to public concern or reflect bias.

Sinclair's actions, and their lack of transparency regarding or accessibility to concerns from the public regarding the airing of the documentary in question is alarming and needs to be address. This concerned citizen is writing to urge action to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.